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SUBJECT: Appearance of DCI before House Foreign Affairs
Committee - Tuesday, 6 March 1962, 1:30 p.m.

1. In accordance with previous arrangements, the Director appeared before the House Foreign Affairs Committee in executive session to discuss the Powers case. The hearing began at 1:30 p.m. and ran until approximately 3:45 p.m. There was a technical sweep of the room and a transcript was taken. Present from the Agency were:

John A. McCone, Director of Central Intelligence
John S. Warner, Legislative Counsel
[] Intelligence Officer
[] Consulting Psychologist
[] USAF

Present from the Committee were:

Thomas E. Morgan, Chairman	
J. L. Pilcher	Frances P. Bolton
Barratt O'Hara	Chester E. Merrow
Leonard Farbstein	Walter H. Judd
D. S. Saund	Marguerite Stitt Church
Charles C. Diggs, Jr.	E. Ross Adair
Lindley Beckworth	Laurence Curtis
Harris B. McDowell	Williams S. Mailliard
William T. Murphy	Peter Frelinghuysen
Cornelius E. Gallagher	William S. Broomfield
John S. Monagan	J. Irving Whalley
	Horace Seely-Brown, Jr.

2. In view of the fact that the unclassified statement was released at noon, there was prepared a series of comments supplementing the basic statement rather than simply reading the classified statement which is very similar to the unclassified version. Also, previously, each member of the Committee had had delivered to their respective offices at about noon a copy of the unclassified statement. A copy of the Director's supplementing notes is in the file. He dealt with (1) purpose of securing the release of Powers; (2) detailed interrogation of Powers upon return; (3) a technical evaluation of Powers' story and the wreckage; (4) conflicting intelligence aspects; (5) polygraph test; (6) withholding of information; and (7) the Board of Inquiry. The members appeared to be extremely interested in the story and asked a number of questions. Strangely enough, there was no detailed probing into the complicating intelligence matter.

3. By previous arrangement, Dr. Judd asked a further question relating to the Director's statement of last week concerning the DCI's surprise that the Soviets resumed atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons. The Director amplified this by pointing out there were other courses of action open to the Soviets and that he indeed had suspected that they had been utilizing these courses during the moratorium and that, therefore, he had doubts they would openly resume atmospheric testing.

4. Wayne Hays and Edna Kelly were not present but the other members asked numerous questions and seemed completely satisfied with the information furnished. It is believed that this session did a great deal to dissel some of the doubts and complaints arising out of the previous week's briefing by the DCI. Arrangements were made to have CIA security people present when the notes are transcribed.

5. The Director made very clear the sensitive areas which should not be discussed outside the Committee room. These dealt with the withholding of information by Powers and specific performance of the aircraft and the complicating intelligence matter.

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